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TRANSMISSION OF A FIXED PATTERN OF OPTICAL DIGITAL TRANSMISSION

EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-5 and 9-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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